



Raymond Russell Nichols

October 23, 1932 - January 15, 2024

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On January 15, 2024, Raymond Russell Nichols, of Antrim, Ohio, passed away at the age of 91. His family and friends surrounded Raymond during his last days.

Raymond was born in Antrim, Ohio, to the late Floyd and Ada (Warnock) Nichols. He served as a 4-H advisor while in High School and graduated from Madison High School, in 1950. He went on to serve his country in the Korean War. When it was over, he was shipped back to Japan and eventually returned to the US where he served on the B&O Railroad for 4 years. He then became a bus driver, where he met the love of his life, Ruth Arlene Bond, and later married her on October 5, 1957. He began working as a state livestock inspector at sale barns and then settled into his career as a Rural Letter Carrier in 1959. Together, Raymond and Ruth, built their home and developed their farm, Midnight Acres, where they raised corn, hay, beef cattle, sheep, and pigs across the years and always planted a garden an acre in size and shared with others.

Raymond served for the state of Ohio in numerous board positions, including President of the Ohio Rural Letter Carriers Association. He retired in 1995 as a carrier after serving his patrons for 36 years, at the Freeport and Piedmont

offices. He was known for going above and beyond to care for them, particularly in the winter when they couldn't get out. He was one of the few people that would and could drive through blizzards, when no one else could get there, to make sure his patrons had food, medicines, and heat. After retirement, Raymond remained active to support Rural Letter Carriers, as he served as the State and National PAC Chairman and was later recognized in Washington DC and inducted into their Hall of Fame. Mr. Nichols was one of the initial investors in the Antrim Volunteer Fire Department, bringing to fruition this important service to the community. Raymond was also a member of Masonic Lodge Freeport 415, and Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge. A longstanding member of the Antrim United Methodist Church (AUMC). At the AUMC, he served as the Sunday School Superintendent for years, and transitioned to Chairman of the AUMC Board. For his entire life, he was an avid Ford truck and Case tractor fan. Anyone that knew him, knew to look for him driving a Ford Truck around town or a Case Tractor on the farm.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, of 66 years, their four children and their spouses: Randy (Patricia) Nichols, Robert (Lori) Nichols, Russell (Kelly) Nichols, and Rosemary (Dr. Duane) Maye; grandchildren: Sarah (Cam) Black, Dr. Eric (Tricia) Nichols, Austin (Kelsey) Nichols, Ashlee Nichols, Katie and Jon Ross Maye; great grandchildren: Raymond Nichols, Emma and Ava Black, and another great granddaughter to arrive in February; his sister, Beverly Luyster, and brother, Ronald Nichols; as well as numerous relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia, Janet, and his parents Floyd and Ada Nichols.

The family shares the best way to remember Raymond, is to live a life by his example. That means making a concerted effort to smile more, see the good in others, be sincere, honest, and trustworthy, and let your work speak for itself. Focus on the simple pleasures life offers, and always be grateful for everything and everyone in or lives.

Family and friends are invited to say a final goodbye at Bundy-Law Funeral Home, Cambridge, Ohio, during calling hours on Thursday, January 18, at 4:00-7:00pm. Freeport Lodge 415 will hold services at 7 pm Thursday evening at the funeral home. Friends may also call on Friday January 19, at 10:00 am. Funeral Services will begin at 11:00 am, Friday with Reverend Devani Roe officiating the service. Burial will follow at Antrim Community Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites conducted by The Guernsey County Veterans Council. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Antrim United Methodist Church, care of Katie Larrick, 67990 Fairground Road, Lore City, Ohio 43755. An on-line guest-book may be signed at www.bundy-laefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Antrim Community Cemetery

Antrim, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
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Masonic Service

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *Much sympathy. Thoughts and prayers for family. Dean and Martha Shriver.* ”

Deb Kackley - January 19, 2024 at 02:46 PM



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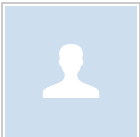
Bundy-Law Funeral Home - January 19, 2024 at 01:14 PM



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.* ”



January 18, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 17, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Don & Jim Sample planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Russell Nichols.

Don & Jim Sample - January 17, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 17, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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“ Didn't know your brother Beverly but I'm sure he will be missed by you n your family.sorry for you.

sue johnson - January 16, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 16, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 16, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.*



January 16, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.*



January 16, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Raymond Russell Nichols, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Veteran, Raymond Russell Nichols, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 16, 2024 at 08:39 AM

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“ *Raymond was a good man, a hard worker, and proud of his children and grandchildren. The home place wasn't named "Midnight Acres" for nothing. Not too many years ago, he and Ruth went to Atlanta to visit Rosemary and family and while there they attended one of John Ross's high school football games. I saw him not long after that and he told me about the trip and the football game and he bragged that, "John Ross did really great!" I asked what position he played, and Raymond answered, "I don't know, but he was really good at it'. Yup, proud Grandpa... Blessings, Duane and Karen Lucas*

Duane Lucas - January 15, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Russell Nichols.



January 15, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Raymond was a good friend and I had many memories of all the family. Fifty years ago when I was just starting a successful career as an excavating contractor Ray gave me many opportunities to do work for him when he bought the property on Rt 22. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. Tom and Judy Shipe

TomShipe - January 15, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Dear Ruth and family, we were so sorry to see this. Raymond will always hold a special place in our hearts. Love, hugs and prayers to all of you. Steve and Karen Tellep

Karen Tellep - January 15, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy, Don & Darla Kahrig



Darla Kahrig - January 15, 2024 at 05:20 PM